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Office Action Summary

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Examiner
Vivek Srivastava

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☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on May 27, 1999

☐ This action is **FINAL**.

☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Disposition of Claims

☒ Claim(s) 3-10, 16, 18, 20-23, 25, and 26 is/are pending in the application.

Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

☒ Claim(s) 3-10, 16, 18, 20, 21, 25, and 26 is/are allowed.

☒ Claim(s) 22 and 23 is/are rejected.

☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.

☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

☒ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☒ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

☒ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____

☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 22 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Morgan.

Considering claim 22, Morgan discloses the claimed camera control system for selecting one of a plurality of controllable camera apparatuses connected to a network, and for controlling video display and a camera, comprising obtaining means for obtaining information concerning used statuses of the cameras (if camera is used the status is obtained and displayed), camera status display means for distinguishably displaying used statuses of at least two of the camera apparatuses on the basis of a condition where the camera apparatus is used by a terminal connected to another network or user's own terminal (fig 2, col 4 lines 46-68, col 5 lines 1-48, "or" condition is met).

Considering claim 23, Morgan discloses the claimed layout-display means, symbol generating means, camera-status display means display different camera symbols on the basis of the condition where the camera is used by another terminal or by user's own terminal of not used

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by anyone (fig. 2, different camera symbols are shown if the camera is not used by anyone, camera symbol 3 and 64 indicates “on” and camera symbol 32 indicates off).

Response to Amendment

Applicant’s arguments / Examiner’s responses

Therefore, Morgan does not teach, disclose or suggest camera-status display means recited in claim 22, and claim 22 is not anticipated by Morgan.

The Examiner respectfully disagrees. Morgan meets the “or” condition of “displaying the statuses of at least two camera apparatuses on the basis of the condition where the camera apparatus is used by user’s own terminal”. As a result, the Applicant’s arguments are not persuasive.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 3-10, 16, 18, 20, 21, 25, and 26 are allowed.

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Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- 1) Lang - Remote Video Viewing And Recording System For Remotely Occurring Events
- 2) Washing - Personal-Computer-Based Video Production System
- 3) Diner - Adjustable Control Station With Movable Monitors And Cameras For Viewing Systems In Robotics And Teleoperations
- 4) Thompson - Synchronization Of Vertical Phase Of The Video Signals In A Video System
- 5) Cortjens et al. - Method For Automatically Adjusting The Pan And Tilt Of A Video Conferencing System Camera

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's
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